

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

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TELEPHONE FACILITY TO PANCHAYATS IN KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Panchayats connected with telephone during the last two years in Karnataka;
- (b) whether there is any proposal to connect all villages with telephones in Karnataka;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by which these would be connected with telephone connections?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SIKDAR)

- (a) 271 Panchayats were connected with telephone facility during the last two years in Karnataka.
- (b) Yes, Sir.
- (c) & (d): Out of total 27066 revenue villages, 27056 villages have already been provided with telecom facility in Karnataka. Remaining 10 villages are planned to be covered by December 2002 subject to availability of funds and equipment.